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Idaho Monthly Milk Production Up 11.0 Percent

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Idaho milk production during February 2008 totaled 940 million pounds, an 11.0 percent increase from the same month last year, but down 59 million pounds from January 2008. February 2008 had one extra day compared to 2007. Revised production for January 2008 totaled 999 million pounds, up 2 million pounds from the preliminary estimate, and 7.5 percent above January 2007. Average milk production per cow in February 2008 was 1,760 pounds, down 110 pounds from January 2008, but up 80 pounds from February 2007. The average number of milk cows during February was 534,000 head, unchanged from January 2008 but up 30,000 head from February 2007.

Milk production in the 23 major States during February totaled 13.9 billion pounds, up 6.0 percent from February 2007. January revised production at 14.7 billion pounds, was up 2.7 percent from January 2007.

The January revision represented an increase of 40 million pounds or 0.3 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,653 pounds for February, 69 pounds above February 2007. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.42 million head, 136,000 head more than February 2007, and 9,000 head more than January 2008.

Milk Cows and Production: Selected States, February 2007-2008

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		Change From 2007
	2007	2008	2007	2008 3/	2007	2008 3/	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	175	185	1,930	1,960	338	363	7.4
California	1,795	1,841	1,755	1,805	3,150	3,323	5.5
Colorado	115	125	1,670	1,815	192	227	18.2
Florida	130	124	1,415	1,490	184	185	0.5
Idaho	504	534	1,680	1,760	847	940	11.0
Illinois	103	102	1,460	1,515	150	155	3.3
Indiana	165	167	1,580	1,600	261	267	2.3
Iowa	211	216	1,620	1,600	342	346	1.2
Kansas	110	109	1,510	1,660	166	181	9.0
Kentucky	93	91	1,100	1,110	102	101	-1.0
Michigan	328	344	1,750	1,760	574	605	5.4
Minnesota	455	463	1,485	1,525	676	706	4.4
Missouri	115	110	1,180	1,170	136	129	-5.1
New Mexico	353	339	1,535	1,790	542	607	12.0
New York	628	626	1,480	1,590	929	995	7.1
Ohio	275	279	1,380	1,440	380	402	5.8
Oregon	115	114	1,590	1,475	183	168	-8.2
Pennsylvania	548	551	1,500	1,530	822	843	2.6
Texas	347	370	1,640	1,785	569	660	16.0
Vermont	140	140	1,385	1,500	194	210	8.2
Virginia	100	98	1,380	1,450	138	142	2.9
Washington	235	244	1,780	1,850	418	451	7.9
Wisconsin	1,246	1,250	1,470	1,530	1,832	1,913	4.4
23 State Total	8,286	8,422	1,584	1,653	13,125	13,919	6.0

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves. 3/ 2008 Leap Year

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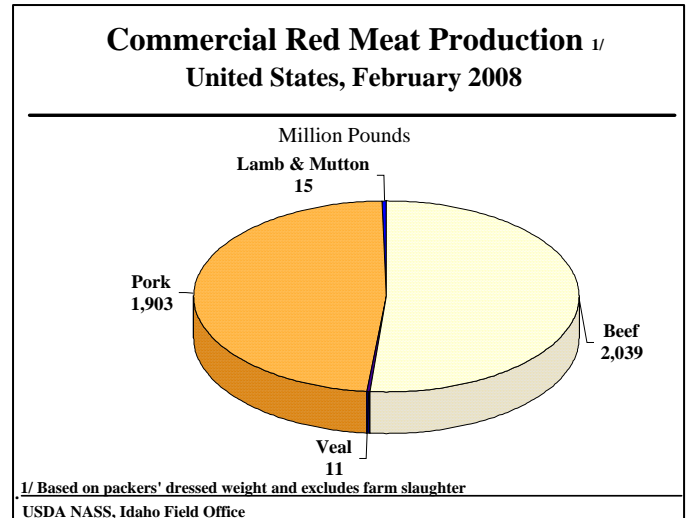
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Idaho Red Meat Production Up 135 Percent

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for February 2008 totaled 18.2 million pounds, up 135 percent from February of last year. February production was up 12 percent from January 2008 production. Accumulated red meat production for the January-February 2008 period totaled 34.5 million pounds, up 192 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.97 billion pounds in February, up 10 percent from the 3.62 billion pounds produced in February 2007. Beef production, at 2.04 billion pounds, was 4 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.64 million head, up 3 percent from February 2007. The average live weight was up 11 pounds from the previous year, at 1,285 pounds. Veal production totaled 11.0 million pounds, 9 percent below February a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 69,100 head, up 4 percent from February 2007. The average live weight was down 36 pounds from last year, at 272 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.90 billion pounds, up 16 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.38 million head, up 16 percent from February 2007. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from the previous year, at 271 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 15.0 million pounds, was up 4 percent from February 2007. Sheep slaughter totaled 211,400 head, 3 percent above last year. The average live weight was 143 pounds, up 3 pounds from

February a year ago. January to February 2008 commercial red meat production was 8.38 billion pounds, up 9 percent from 2007. Accumulated beef production was up 4 percent from last year, veal was down 16 percent, pork was up 15 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 1 percent.



Commercial Red Meat Production, Selected States and United States ^{1/}

State	February 2007	January 2008	February 2008	February 2008 As Percent Of ^{2/}	
				February 2007	January 2008
	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
California	131.7	148.4	134.4	102	91
Colorado	141.5	175.5	171.4	121	98
Idaho	7.7	16.3	18.2	235	112
Illinois	203.4	274.4	245.0	120	89
Iowa	486.7	655.1	571.6	117	87
Kansas	453.0	484.1	406.9	90	84
Minnesota	188.1	232.4	203.2	108	87
Montana	1.5	1.4	1.3	87	92
Nebraska	537.0	618.1	568.0	106	92
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	152	106
Oklahoma	80.5	98.5	89.8	112	91
Oregon	4.2	5.1	4.4	106	87
South Dakota	70.5	105.8	84.1	119	79
Texas	331.9	*403.7	383.1	115	95
Utah	34.2	42.5	43.5	127	102
Washington	70.7	76.3	66.0	93	86
Wyoming	0.6	0.6	0.5	90	92
United States	3,615.4	4,415.9	3,967.6	110	90

* Revised. 1/ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton. 2/ Percentages based on unrounded data.

Idaho Cattle On Feed Down 6 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on March 1, 2008 totaled 235,000 head, 6 percent below the March 1, 2007 inventory. The cattle on feed inventory was unchanged from the number on feed February 1, 2008. Placements of cattle in State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during February totaled 39,000 head, unchanged from February 2007 placements. Marketings of cattle from feedlots with 1,000 head or more during February totaled 38,000 head, down 5,000 head from the same month a year ago. Other disappearance totaled 1,000 during February, unchanged from February 2007.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.9 million head on March 1, 2008. The inventory was 2 percent above March 1, 2007 but 1 percent below March 1, 2006. This is the second highest March 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.72 million, 4 percent above 2007 and 9 percent above 2006. Net placements were 1.66 million head. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 330,000, 600-699 pounds were 385,000, 700-799 pounds were 533,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 475,000. Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.78 million, 4 percent above 2007 and 11 percent above 2006. Other disappearance totaled 60,000 during February, 20 percent below 2007 and 18 percent below 2006.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots^{1/}

State	March 1, 2007	February 1, 2008	March 1, 2008		
			Number	As % of 2007	As % of February
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	329	373	377	115	101
California	530	555	545	103	98
Colorado	1,010	1,090	1,050	104	96
Idaho	250	235	235	94	100
Iowa	530	570	560	106	98
Kansas	2,420	2,430	2,410	100	99
Nebraska	2,510	2,510	2,490	99	99
New Mexico	130	160	160	123	100
Oklahoma	350	355	350	100	99
South Dakota	230	230	235	102	102
Texas	2,790	2,930	2,920	105	100
Washington	170	153	151	89	99
Other States	350	375	370	106	99
United States	11,599	11,966	11,853	102	99

^{1/} Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

Stocks in Cold Storage

Frozen stocks of French fries in the United States on February 29, 2008 totaled 903 million pounds, a 3 percent increase from January 31, 2008, and up 6 percent from February 28, 2007. Other frozen potatoes, at 219 million pounds, are up 4 percent from last month and up 3 percent from a year ago.

United States stocks of butter on February 29, 2008 totaled 201 million pounds, up 7 percent from the end of the previous month, and up 8 percent from a year ago. Stocks of total American cheese totaled 518 million pounds, up 5 percent from January 31, 2008, but down 8 percent from February 28, 2007.

Commodity	Feb 28, 2007	Jan 31, 2008	Feb 29, 2008	2008 2007
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>
POTATOES:				
French Fries	850,024	878,496	902,620	106
Other Frozen	213,621	210,592	219,012	103
TOTAL	1,063,645	1,089,088	1,121,632	105
DAIRY:				
Butter, Total	185,426	188,072	201,097	108
Natural Cheese				
American, Total	565,129	494,376	518,420	92

Potato Stocks

Potato stocks held by growers, dealers, and processors in Idaho on March 1 totaled 63.0 million cwt, 3.50 million cwt more than on hand March 1, 2007. Disappearance, at 68.7 million cwt is down from last year's 69.4 million cwt. Stocks in the 10 Southwest counties totaled 3.00 million cwt, up from last year's 2.90 million cwt. The Other counties' stocks, at 60.0 million cwt, were up from the 56.6 million cwt stored on March 1, 2007.

Nationally, the 13 major potato States held 172 million cwt of potatoes in storage March 1, 2008, up 8 percent from last year and 10 percent above March 1, 2006. Potatoes in storage account for 43 percent of the 2007 fall storage States' production, up 2 percentage points from last year. Potato disappearance, at 228 million cwt, was down 1 percent from last year but up 4 percent from two years ago. Season to date shrink and loss, at 19.7 million cwt, was down 3 percent from 2007 but 7 percent above 2006.

Production and Total Stocks of Fall Potatoes Held by Growers, Processors, and Local Dealers on March 1, 2007 and March 1, 2008 1/

STATE	CROP OF 2006			CROP OF 2007		
	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS MARCH 1, 2007	MARCH 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS MARCH 1, 2008	MARCH 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION
	<u>1,000 Cwt</u>		<u>Percent</u>	<u>1,000 Cwt</u>		<u>Percent</u>
California	3,870	1,200	31	4,223	1,100	26
Colorado	22,686	11,300	50	20,981	9,500	45
Idaho	128,915	59,500	46	131,650	63,000	48
Maine	17,980	9,800	55	16,530	8,000	48
Michigan	14,190	3,300	23	14,700	4,600	31
Minnesota	20,400	8,300	41	20,680	8,500	41
Montana	3,518	3,100	88	3,696	3,300	89
Nebraska	8,730	3,400	39	8,051	3,000	37
New York	5,700	1,000	18	5,216	700	13
North Dakota	25,480	9,900	39	23,660	8,000	34
Oregon	18,533	9,700	52	20,238	11,600	57
Washington	89,900	28,500	32	102,300	40,000	39
Wisconsin	29,370	10,700	36	28,160	10,500	37
13 STATES	389,272	159,700	41	400,085	171,800	43
Klamath Basin 2/		2,200			2,050	

1/ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2007 totaled 26.4 million cwt.

2/ Includes potato stocks in CA and Klamath Co., OR.

